

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

A Final Office Action was issued on November 5, 2010 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A reply is due February 5, 2011. Accordingly, this Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and accompanying amendment are being timely filed.